

5 What Is Claimed Is:

1. A vehicular snow ski steering keel bar comprising:

10 a side surface including first and second side surface portions extending to first and second lateral extensions of said bar, respectively, and extending longitudinally at least partially along said bar, said side surface also including a recessed surface portion disposed between and recessed in from each of said
15 first and second lateral extensions; and

a top surface having a shape that at least partially mates and/or conforms with a shape of an undersurface of a vehicular snow ski keel.

20 2. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of claim 1, wherein said shape of said top surface has a width that matches a width of the undersurface of the vehicular snow ski keel.

25 3. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of claim 1, wherein said shape of said top surface includes at least one of a flat, recess, notch, saw tooth, key, curve, radius, ridge and any combination thereof that at least partially mates with the
30 undersurface of a vehicular snow ski keel.

35 4. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of claim 1, wherein said recessed surface portion in cooperation with a lateral surface of the vehicular snow ski keel alters the compacting of snow coming in contact therewith.

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5. A vehicular snow ski steering keel bar comprising:

an elongated member having a front end, a back end and an intermediate portion extending longitudinally between said ends, said intermediate portion having a first side surface extending longitudinally at least partially therealong and facing in an at least first lateral direction therefrom; said first side surface having a recessed surface portion extending longitudinally at least partially therealong and a first side surface portion below and extending outwardly in said at least first lateral direction from said recessed surface portion to a first lateral extension; and

a top surface having a shape that at least mates and/or conforms to an undersurface of ski keel, whereby said lateral recessed surface portion and said first side surface portion cooperate for at least collecting and/or compacting snow and/or other material coming in proximity to at least one of said recessed surface portion and said first side surface portion.

6. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion further has a second side surface extending longitudinally at least partially therealong and facing in an at least second lateral direction opposite said at least first lateral direction, said second side surface having an other recessed surface portion extending longitudinally at least partially therealong and an

5 other first side portion below and extending outwardly
in said at least second direction from said other
recessed surface portion to an other first lateral
extension.

10 7. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said first side surface has a second
side surface portion above and extending outwardly in
said at least first lateral direction from said
recessed surface portion to a second lateral
15 extension.

8. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second
lateral extensions projects laterally outward more
20 than an other of said first and second lateral
extensions.

9. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said first side surface includes a
25 saw-tooth surface portion extending longitudinally at
least partially therealong.

10. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion has a
30 transverse cross-sectional shape including an
hourglass shape.

11. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion has a
35 transverse cross-sectional shape in which a width
extending transversely thereacross and from said

5 recessed surface portion is less than a first width
extending transversely thereacross and from said first
side surface portion.

10 12. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion has a
transverse cross-sectional shape including a saw-tooth
shape.

15 13. A vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said recessed surface portion
includes a concave surface portion.

20 14. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said recessed surface portion
includes first and second flat surfaces disposed
adjacently and having at least one predetermined angle
therebetween.

25 15. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said first side surface portion
includes a convex surface portion.

30 16. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion includes a
bottom surface and at least one insert of a material
harder than that of said intermediate portion and
affixed to said bottom surface.

35 17. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion includes a

5 top surface and at least one fastener affixed to and
extending from said top surface.

10 18. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 5, wherein said intermediate portion has a first
cross-sectional shape extending partially and
longitudinally therealong and a second cross-sectional
shape different from said first cross-sectional shape
and extending partially and longitudinally therealong.

15 19. A vehicular snow ski steering keel bar
comprising:

20 an elongated member extending longitudinally and
having a front end, a back end and an intermediate
portion extending longitudinally between said ends,
said intermediate portion having a first side surface
and a second side surface each extending
longitudinally at least partially therealong, said
first side surface facing in an at least first lateral
direction therefrom, said second side surface facing
25 in an at least second lateral direction opposite said
at least first lateral direction, at least one of said
first and second side surfaces having a recessed
surface portion extending longitudinally at least
partially therealong and a first side surface portion
30 below and extending outwardly from said recessed
surface portion; and

35 a top surface that at least partially mates
and/or conforms to an undersurface of an undersurface
of a ski keel, whereby said recessed surface portion
and said first side surface portion cooperate for at
least collecting and/or compacting snow and/or other

5 material coming in proximity to at least one of said
recessed surface portion and said first side surface
portion.

10 20. The vehicular snow ski steering keel bar of
claim 19, wherein said first side surface includes
said recessed surface portion and said first side
surface portion below and extending outwardly from
said recessed surface portion and wherein said second
15 side surface includes an other recessed surface
portion extending longitudinally at least partially
therealong and an other first side surface portion
below and extending outwardly from said other recessed
surface portion.